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Applicants: Yoshihiko GOTOH et al

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A MANUFACTURING APPARATUS

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## RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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